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SUBJECT: U.S. BAN ON USE OF SACCHARIN CAUSES STIR IN JAPAN

1. FDA'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT INTENDS TO BAN USE OF SACCHARIN AS SWEETENER HAS CAUSED IMMEDIATE REACTION IN JAPAN. A GROUP OF CONSUMER AND WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION CALLED "LIAISON COUNCIL TO OUST SACCHARIN" FILED DEMAND ON MARCH 10 WITH MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE TO WITHDRAW 1973 APPROVAL FOR USE OF SWEETENER, AND CALLED FOR DISMISSAL OF TWO MHW OFFICIALS (RYUJI ISHIMARU AND KAORU MIYAZAWA) WHOM COUNCIL HOLDS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUSHING THROUGH THE ORIGINAL APPROVAL.

2. MASAKIYO OGAWA, ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH BUREAU, MHW, EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT FDA ANNOUNCEMENT, SAYING THAT HE KNEW OF NO DATA TO SUPPORT FINDING THAT SACCHARIN INDUCES BLADDER CANCER IN RATS, ALTHOUGH HE WAS AWARE OF RESEARCH ON SUBJECT GOING ON IN CANADA. TESTS CONDUCTED ON RATS IN 1975 BY GOJ NATIONAL HEALTH INSTIUTE DID NOT SHOW EVIDENCE OF CARCINOGENESIS AND LED TO MHW RAISING TOLERANCE FROM 1 MG/KG/DAY TO 5 MG/KG/DAY, THE WHO STANDARD. SACCHARIN IS AUTHORIZED IN JAPAN FOR USE IN 31 FOODS, INCLUDING SOFT DRINKS, SOY SAUCE, AND ICE CREAM. FOR A FEW MONTHS IN 1973, SACCHARIN WAS BANNED FOR GENERAL CONSUMPTION IN JAPAN AS THE RESULT OF CONSUMER PRESSURES FOLLOWING
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REVELATION IN OTHER COUNTRIES THAT SWEETENER WAS SUSPECTED OF BEING CARCINOGENIC.

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT FDA TRANSMIT ASAP ITS OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON SUSPENSION OF USE OF SACCHARIN AND IN PARTICULAR THE SUPPORTING TECHNICAL DATA FOR REVIEW AND USE BY MHW.
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